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1. Until the end of the war the firm of Schering maintained various factories in Berlin. Its largest plant was located at Müllerstrasse, Berlin-Wedding (French Sector), where the main administration is still maintained. This plant was considerably damaged during the war and then dismantled by the Soviets. Part of the equipment was sent to Russia; the other part was transferred to the Schering plant in Berlin-Adlershof.
2. The Russians have always displayed keen interest in the Adlershof plant, which has been almost completely rebuilt. In the first quarter of 1949, the number of employees rose from 900 to 1,200. All connections between Schering-Adlershof and firms in the Western Zone were deliberately cut off. The Adlershof plant belongs to the VVB-Pharma, with the main administration located on Trothaerstrasse 35, Halle (Saale). It administers twelve east zonal factories.
3. The director of the Schering plant in Adlershof, [REDACTED] is Scherner, a convinced member of the SED. His professional knowledge is limited but his political zeal is strong. The plant council of the plant was abolished and replaced by a directorate which was composed of members of the trade union appointed by Scherner. Prominent members of this directorate are Vornfett and Zuckerriedel, both convinced party members, whose job is the political surveillance of the employees. Both are generally considered to be members of the MVD.
4. A Soviet commission is located at Schering-Adlershof; it occupies various rooms of the plant. The commission consists mainly of officers, who are changed frequently. They negotiate only with the management of the plant and the plant-directorate. Of late, the Soviets have been shipping out some of the more important laboratory equipment and material, such as mercury, cobalt, iodine, arsenic, silver sulphide, and ferric chloride.
5. The staff of scientific collaborators is composed principally of medical men and chemists. At present they are working on the development of organic preparations and experimenting with penicillin, insulin, and liver preparations. Some of the more important members of the staff are Dr. Berlin, Dr. Schmidt, Dr. Gaub, and Dr. Schreiber. [REDACTED] until recently a member

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of the staff, [REDACTED] Dr. Gaub was to be distinguished as an "Activist" but he declined such distinction. The plant has a modern penicillin installation, with an enlarged department for experiments on small animals. The composing of the preparation is carried out exclusively at Schering, but other firms are also employed for the filling and tableting of the preparation.

6. The Soviets are very secretive about a department which produced a preparation called "Pyrimal", reputed to be a rapid and effective medicine for acute pneumonia. This drug bears no trademark. The production of Pyrimal is directly supervised, and every employee is searched on leaving the department. The entire production is destined for the USSR; production, however, has been halted.
7. Other preparations, either partly or completely intended for the USSR, are penicillin; insulin; albusit, which is used for internal inflammations of the liver; veramon; neutralon; belladonna neutralon, a special gelatin for use in the pharmaceutical industry; santolin, a new compound which is alleged to be very effective against ascarid from which the Soviet population is suffering to a great degree.
8. The following products have been released for the German market:
 Abavit, a mercury preparation which is used for plant protection;
 Gesarol, an ant exterminator;
 Karsan, a nicotine spray.
9. Lately a new drug for thyroid diseases is being manufactured. It appears under the name of "Dijodtyrosin".

Attached is a sample of Pyrimal. It is requested that this sample be transmitted to the U.S. Public Health Service. that they be informed that Pyrimal is a drug obtained abroad and alleged to be effective in the treatment of acute pneumonia, and that they be asked to furnish a qualitative report on the drug.

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